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SUBJECT: PROJECT OMEGA: AUSTRALIAN QUESTION ON U.S.

FUNDING FOR LORAN

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1. THE LORAN-A AND LORAN-C SYSTEMS WERE CONSTRUCTED BY THE U.S. COAST GUARD AND PAID FOR BY THE USG. SOME LORAN STATIONS ARE NOW OPERATED BY THE COUNTRIES IN WHICH THEY ARE LOCATED. IN THE UNITED STATES, OPERATING LORAN STATION ARE FUNDED AND OPERATED BY THE COAST GUARD, WHICH IS PART OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, A CIVILIAN AGENCY OF THE USG.

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2. LORAN WAS AN ATTEMPT TO DEVELOP AN INTERNATIONAL LONG-

RANGE AID TO NAVIGATION, IN WHICH THE US HAS LONG BEEN A LEADER. OMEGA IS A FURTHER STEP WHICH, FOR THE FIRST TIME, WILL PROVIDE WORLDWIDE COVERAGE FOR CIVILIAN NAVIGATION. AS WITH LORAN, THE USG IS PROVIDING THE BASIC EQUIPMENT AND PARTICIPATING IN FUNDING FOR CONSTRUCTION COSTS OF OMEGA STATIONS.

3. EMBASSY SHOULD RESPOND TO AUSTRALIAN QUESTION ON LORAN REPORTED REFTEL ALONG LINES PRECEDING PARAGRAPHS. IF ASKED FURTHER ABOUT DOD ADMINISTRATION OF LORAN AND OMEGA CONSTRUCTION FUNDS, EMBASSY MAY RESPOND THAT DOD AS DEVELOPER OF THESE SYSTEMS HAD UNIQUE EXPERTISE AND ABILITY TO SUPERVISE CONSTRUCTION. HOWEVER, CIVILIAN CHARACTER OF THESE NAVIGATIONAL AIDS IN US IS DEMONSTRATED BY COAST GUARD OPERATION WHICH IS ALREADY IN FULL EFFECT FOR LORAN SYSTEM AND NOW BEING IMPLEMENTED FOR OMEGA. RUSH

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